THE BASHING OF BEN BUTLER

The Media vs.
Lowell's
own Presidential
Candidate

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The Beast in the Bottle
A Lecture by Arthur L. Eno, jr.
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BUTLER AND THE MEDIA

From the time of the Civil War until shortly before his death in 1893, Lowell's most famous son, Ben Butler, was constantly in the national news.

During his long career as a Civil War General, Congressman, Governor of Massachusetts and presidential candidate, his picture appeared week after week on the cover of Harper's Weekly and other magazines.

Almost all of these pictures were cartoons, most of them were unflattering, and some, particularly those by Thomas Nast, were venomous. This exhibit contains only a small fraction of the material that was published, as we attempt to show the variety of media attacks as well as the frequency of Butler's appearance in the national press.

CATALOGUE OF THE BUTLER EXHIBIT (1862-1889)

1.	Ladies of New Orleans Before and After Gen. Butlers Proclamation	HW		(7/12/62)
2.	Reception of the "Beast Butler" by the Ladies of the North	HW		(1/24/63)
3.	Maj. Gen. Butler After Battle of 9/29/64 *(Wm Waud)*	HW		(10/22/64)
4.	The Great Lecture on the Science of War Butler Bottled Up	Leslie's		(12/30/65)
5.	Impeachment Committee Entering Senate Chamber	Leslie's		(3/21/68)
6.	Sancho Panza Grant & The Congress Doctor	Leslie's	*	(5/69)
7.	DO YOU SEE ME?	HW		(9/6/73)
8.	Butler's Victory	Leslie's		(3/14/74)
9.	The Cradle of Liberty in Danger *(Nast)*	HW		(4/11/74)
10.	The Power of the Press*(Nast)*	HW		(5/9/74)
11.	The Cradle of Liberty out of Danger *(Nast)*	HW		(5/16/74)
12.	A General Blow Up *(Nast)*	HW		(5/16/74)
13	Property Room of the Grand National Theatre in Washington *(J. Keppler)*	Leslie's		(3/13/75)
14.	What We Know About Yachting	Leslie's		(3/28/75)
15.	Crescit Sub Pondere Virtus	HW		(3/9/78)
16.	The Slippery Hill of Georgia	HW		(3/23/78)
17.	A Practical Suggestion for the Mass. Humanitarian	Leslie's		(9/21/78)
18.	In a Dilemma *(JAW)*	Leslie's	*	(10/5/78)
19.	Nomination of Gen. Butler for Governor by Democratic Convention at Worcester *(Geo. R. Halm)*	Leslie's		(10/5/78)

20.	Quite Like the Arabian Nights - The Democratic Fisherman Unbottling Butler	HW	(10/12/78)
21.	The Crowning Point of his Life *(Nast)*	HW	(10/19/78)
22.	In the Matrimonial Market Again *(Nast)* HW		(10/26/78)
23.	Hot Shot in Mass. *(JAW)*	Leslie's	(11/9/78)
24.	The Lone Fisherman *(Nast)*	HW	(1/18/79)
25.	Incidents in Trial of Celebrated Case of Mrs. Mary S. Oliver vs. Hon. Simon Cameron for Alleged Breach of Promise of Marriage *(Joseph Becker)*	Leslie's	(4/5/79)
26.	Political Probabilities for the Region of Mass. *(Opper)*	Leslie's	(7/12/79)
27.	Under Full Canvas *(Ph. G. Cusadis)*	Daily Graphic	(7/30/79)
28.	The Bay State Spider *(F.O.)*	Leslie's	(9/27/79)
29.	The Mass. Cork Under Again *(Opper)*	Leslie's	(11/22/79)
30.	The Widow's Wants *(Nast)*	HW	(9/11/80)
31.	The Toodles Ticket	HW	(10/2/80)
32.	The Reform Governor of Mass. *(Nast)*	HW	(11/18/82)
33.	Gen. B. F. Butler Receiving Visitors and Clients at his Law Office	Leslie's	(1/6/83)
34.	The New Schoolmaster in Mass.	Leslie's	(1/13/83)
35.	Liberty and Peace Still Exist in Mass. *(Nast)*	HW	(1/20/83)
36.	A Familiar Ghost Reappears	Leslie's	(3/10/83)
37.	The Mass. Bad Boy and the Presidential Plum	Leslie's	(6/9/83)
38.	Keep the Rascals Out *(W.A. Rogers)*	HW	(7/14/83)
39.	Barkis is Willing *(Gillam)*	Puck	(10/3/83)

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59.	Their Little Funeral	Puck	*
60.	Puck's Thanksgiving to the Destitute	Puck	*
61.	The National Political Mad-House	Puck	*
62.	Dress Parade of the Awkward Squad *(J.A. Waters)*	Judge	*
63.	The Political "Snake in the Grass" Swallowing the Democracy *(J. Keppler)*	Puck	*
64.	The Wake over the Remains of the Democratic Party *(J. Keppler)*	Puck	*
65.	The New Leader and the Old Chorus *(Gillam)*	Puck	*
66.	The Honor of the Country in Danger *(Gillam)*	Puck	*
67.	Puck is not going to be left - He has a horse show of his own *(Gillam)*	Puck	*
68.	Helping the Rascals In *(J. Keppler)*	Puck	*
69.	We Love It for the Enemies It has Made *(C.J. Taylor)*	Puck	*
70.	Why They Dislike Him *(Gillam)*	Puck	*
71.	Blundering in a Perilous Position *(Gillam)*	Puck	*
72.	Too Many Leaders *(Gillam)*	Puck	*
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